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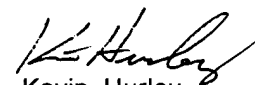
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In response to the telephone conference with Roland McAndrews on 1 December 2006, a copy of the initialed form 1449 filed 15 November 2005 is attached.

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 15 May 2006 was filed after the mailing date of the non final Office action on 15 November 2005. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

  
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